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Culinary-Bar Strike Ends At Monterey

Eighteen days of strike against houses of the Monterey Peninsula Hotel and Restaurant Association came to an end last Tuesday when a settlement was reached after an all-night negotiation meeting, in which Edward Peters, State labor conciliator, participated, Union Secretary George L. Rice reported.

Members of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey ratified the settlement at two special meetings on Wednesday, ending strike which had begun on July 1.

Rice said the compromise brought the union such gains as pro-rated vacations with pay, wage increases, paid holidays, and other points. The agreement as signed runs from July 18, 1950, to July 15, 1951.

Three meetings which lasted nearly all night each time were necessary to bring about the settlement, Rice added. Peters came to Monterey after Conciliator Thomas Nicolopoulos was called home due to illness in his family. Peters is usually assigned to the Los Angeles area.

The strike had been successful in most instances, some houses closing due to lack of business and of skilled help. Picketing had brought all but eight houses under the union contract before the settlement was reached. Agreement was reached on the re-employment of strikers in every instance, Rice said.

Sardine Plants Getting Ready For Season Here

Most of the sardine canneries along Monterey's Cannery Row are being converted to handle an expected heavy sardine run this season, which opens August 1. Summer canning has been unusually limited, due to lack of fish.

Negotiations for the Fish Cannery Workers Union contract have been underway with little progress. No steps have been taken for the AFL Fishermen's Union contract, it was reported.

At least one plant was expected to can some tuna in the near future, if any should be brought to Monterey, it was reported.

Y's Club Signs With Bartenders

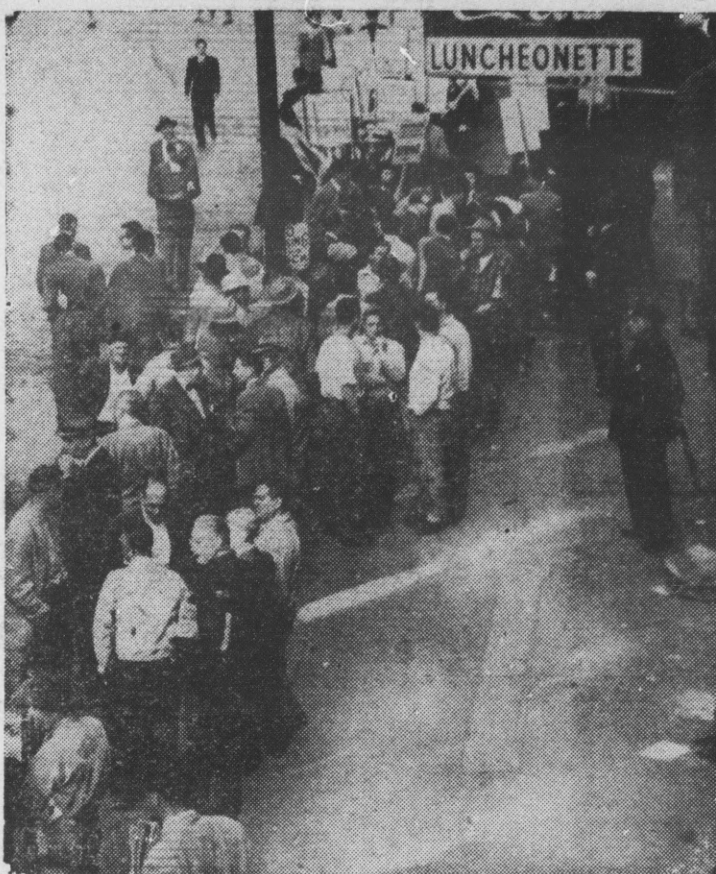
Formerly known as the Blue Rock, the Y's Club, at 231 El Camino Real, north of Salinas, has been signed to a contract by Bartenders Union 545, Secretary Alfred J. Clark announces.

Operator of the club now is Franklin R. Wise, who has been member of unions for the past 20 years and came here from San Francisco where he had been member of Local 44 of Cooks.

BUILDERS OBSERVE MONTEREY PICKETS

The State Builders' Exchange, scheduled for a three-day meeting at the Hotel San Carlos in Monterey, has shifted the sessions to another area because of the picket line established at the hotel by Monterey Culinary-Bartenders Union 483, it was reported this week.

Frank A. Lawrence, president of the State Building Trades Council, requested the builders to shift their meetings, it was said.



THEY WILL NOT PASS—Members of AFL craft unions chew the fat near 6-week-old picketline of Newspaper Guild of New York (CIO) at the New York World-Telegram & Sun plant. The craft workers report for work daily but won't pass their union brothers' picketline. Result: the newspaper has suspended publication since June 13.

Labor Council At Monterey Elects Aug. 1

Annual election of officers of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council will be held at the council's next regular meeting, Tuesday night, August 1, at Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado Ave., Monterey, it was announced last week.

Incumbent officers have been nominated for re-election and one contest developed from the nominations at last week's meeting.

Veteran Secretary Wayne Edwards of the Teachers Union is opposed for re-election by Andy Butrica of Monterey Laborers 690.

The ballot will include:

For President: E. E. Winters, incumbent (Typographical Union).

For Vice-President: E. D. Peterson.

For Secretary-Treasurer: Wayne Edwards and Andy Butrica.

For Sergeant-at-Arms: Ed Castle.

Farr Elected As Chairman Of Democrats

Fred Farr, Carmel attorney, was elected chairman of the county Democratic Central Committee, in its recent organizational meeting. He succeeds Dr. Horace Dormody, chairman for the past two years.

Also elected were T. A. Dorney, vice chairman, and Mrs. Grace Barnett, secretary-treasurer.

The new county committee will direct the campaigns in the county in behalf of George L. Rice, Monterey union official and candidate for state assembly, and Marion R. Walker, Ventura rancher and Congressional candidate.

The 75c an hour minimum wage, which went into effect Jan. 25, 1950, meant direct pay increases to about one and one-half million workers covered by the previous 40c an hour rate of the federal wage-hour law.

SURVEY STARTS FOR SALINAS HOUSING MOVE

Start of a survey of Monterey County to determine need for a new low-cost housing project was announced last week by J. B. McGinley, member of the county Housing Authority and also business agent of Laborers Union 272.

The \$6400 estimated cost of the survey was set aside at a Housing Authority meeting at which the survey and plans for furtherance of the housing program were discussed at length.

Contractor George Agusta of Salinas was awarded contract for road work at the present housing project, McGinley added.

Last week, McGinley participated in a radio forum program in which the proposed new housing project was discussed at length. The program was heard by many persons and created much interest, it was reported.

New Officers Are Elected By County B-T

Election of officers was completed by the Monterey County Building & Construction Trades Council last week with incumbent President William K. Grubbs and Secretary Harry Foster re-elected.

Business Agent John R. Martins is under appointment, not up for election.

Elected were:

President—William K. Grubbs (Painters 272).

Vice president—Ronald Hodges (Lathers 144).

Financial secretary—Lloyd Long (Plumbers 62).

Recording secretary—Harry Foster (Sheet Metal Workers 304).

Sergeant-at-arms—James Bolin (Painters 272).

The Secretary of Labor is now authorized to sue for back wages due workers under the Fair Labor Standards Act, under certain circumstances, if the workers give their written consent.

Are You Registered?

U.S. Security, Election Goal Of Our LLPE

"To fight Communism abroad and to safeguard democratic rights and economic well-being at home. That is the job which faces the next Congress.

"Never was there greater need to elect men of wisdom and vision to Congress. It is Congress which writes the laws and sets our country's policy both here and abroad."

Thus opens the national declaration of policy for the fall election drive, adopted last week in Washington, D.C., by a convention of secretaries and presidents of AFL international unions, state federations, and central labor councils from all parts of the U.S., sponsored by LLPE, political arm of the AFL.

It was one of the most important national AFL gatherings ever

held, and the statement of policy, which follows in full, constitutes American labor's historical platform in this crucial year:

POOR SECURITY RISKS

"The reactionary opponents of labor have proven incompetent to set policy. Not only on domestic policy but in fighting the Communists abroad, they have proven bad security risks. The National Committee of Labor's League for Political Education, composed of the Presidents of the National and International Unions, recognize that the future course of world events depends in large part upon the effectiveness of labor's vote in defeating reactionaries in this crucial election year.

"We recognize that the best liberal legislation in American history was enacted following the election of President Roosevelt and a liberal Congress in 1932. After the mid-term Congressional election set-backs in 1938, labor was faced with a hostile Congress until 1946. Only the Presidential veto prevented the enactment of reactionary anti-labor laws. Following the 1946 mid-term defeats even the Presidential veto was ineffective against a more than two-thirds reactionary majority in both houses of the 80th Congress. The Taft-Hartley Act was enacted and military preparedness was crippled by the 80th Congress.

SHOCKED INTO ACTION

"Shocked into action by the passage of the Taft-Hartley Act, the American Federation of Labor formed Labor's League for Political Education. The League, in its first year, contributed greatly to the 1948 election victory. As a result, reaction was not only stemmed, but in the 81st Congress liberal legislation was placed on the statute books for the first time in a decade.

"This Congress passed the Public Housing Act, increased the minimum wage to 75 cents, and improved the Social Security Act. These laws came as a direct result of the 1948 elections. To hold these gains, to make greater improvements and to repeal the infamous Taft-Hartley Act, labor must increase the liberal majority in Congress.

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Salinas Labor Maps Disaster Plan Support

Steps were taken by the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas at a recent meeting to give full support to the Salinas Disaster Preparedness Program, according to council Secretary Alfred J. Clark.

The council named J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers Union 272, as liaison officer to learn Labor's part in the disaster plan and to represent the council in meetings to make the plan more effective.

Carpenters Busy In Salinas Area

Union carpenters in the jurisdiction of Salinas Carpenters Union 925 were reported last week as having a good supply of work now and for the immediate future.

Office Secretary Mrs. Margaret Brown, handling some of the duties of Business Agent Harvey Baldwin who was on vacation, said that the work was ample for the union's membership but warned against carpenters from other areas coming to Salinas looking for jobs, as there are no openings for newcomers.

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Businessman Says Jobless Pay System Helps Stabilize U.S.

A businessman has praised the New Deal. Impossible? Read on. George T. Trundle, Jr., president of the Trundle Engineering Co. of Cleveland, writes in the June issue of the Missouri Division of Employment Security Bulletin:

"As 1949 advanced, there appeared many . . . signs that in the old days pointed toward a depression. But it didn't happen. Why? . . . Has it ever occurred to you that one of the factors that contributed to business stability when we needed it most was unemployment insurance? . . .

"Before there was any unemployment insurance, a family didn't dare buy anything when a man was laid off, because 'you never knew how long it would be before any money was coming in.'

"But now, after two weeks, you know you are going to have enough to feed the family and to help out on rent, clothes and real necessities; and the chances are a man will get back to work again before unemployment insurance runs out . . .

"During the first nine months of 1949, \$1,232,000,000 was paid out in unemployment insurance. One dollar spent in retail trade, as it flows back through the wholesaler and manufacturer to the various suppliers of materials, services and labor, represents at least \$10 in business transacted.

"On that basis, during the first half of 1949, unemployment insurance payments helped sustain business volume to the extent of over \$12 billions."

The unemployment compensation program is part of the New Deal. Could it be the New Deal hasn't wrecked businessmen like they claim it has?—(LLPE).

Minnesota Medics Try to Fool Public On Health Insurance

The medical brass—like its brothers—under the skin, the real estate lobby and the reactionary Committee for Constitutional Government—is using the old technique of trying to fool the public.

For instance: The committee or "public health education" of the Minnesota State Medical Association sponsored a series of lectures by a Doctor Mitrofan Smorsczok before civic clubs, farm groups and women's organizations.

Dr. Smorsczok is a Displaced Person. He told 55 audiences about his unhappy experiences in Soviet Poland.

The idea, of course, was to make his listeners fear that President Truman is seeking to Sovietize the United States with his plan for national health insurance.

It is this sort of thing that is making the American people a little tired of the political propaganda of the medical hierarchy. And it is this sort of thing that is placing the American Medical Association (AMA) in danger of losing semi-official control of medical matters in many parts of the U. S.—such as the selection of state medical examiners, health officers, public hospital staffs, qualifications for expert testimony in the courts, and so forth.

But the AMA keeps on knocking social progress in the teeth. It is now busily distributing 1,500,000 copies of John T. Flynn's vicious little book, "The Road Ahead," which damns every idea born since the days of Ulysses Grant.

Some day it is going to wake up and find that it has poured its \$3.5 million in publicity funds straight down a rat hole. The public certainly isn't swallowing it.—(LLPE)

Get your friends and neighbors to register and vote.

Belgians Greeted



Washington.—Assistant Secretary of Labor Philip M. Kaiser (left) and AFL President William Green chat with Josef Keuleers, professor Christian High School for Workers, and Nathalis De Bock, national secretary General Federation of Labor of Belgium, two of eight Belgian trades unionists feted at a luncheon by AFL and CIO during the Belgians' Economic Cooperation Administration visit here.

Business Subsidies Are Fine, But Welfare No Good

"Government can subsidize big business through tariffs, loans and other assistance—that's called protecting free enterprise.

"But government cannot enact progressive legislation to promote the welfare of all the American people—that's socialism."

With those words Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannan shows the hypocritical attitude which big business takes toward Government aid.

Brannan spoke at a Jefferson-Jackson dinner July 8 in Milwaukee. Turning to "socialism" Brannan said:

"The predecessors of the present Republican leadership described as socialism: The public school system in the 1860's; rural free delivery of mail in the Woodrow Wilson administration; and the right of women to vote, from the turn of the century to 1919.

"They called our agricultural education and research program socialism. Conservation of land resources and encouragement of farm tenants to become farm owners—more socialism.

"Socialism was their argument against protection of bank deposits, development of our highway system and the building of dams to halt floods and prevent waste of our water resources.

"Socialism was the cuss word against extending the benefits of electricity and now telephones to remote rural areas, against insurance for the aged under our social security system, against protection of small business from the greed of monopoly, against workmen's compensation and minimum wage laws. . . .

"All of these constructive examples of democracy at work that were so bitterly condemned as 'Socialistic' have strengthened the United States and benefited the people."—(LLPE).

Old 'Socialism' Tag Pasted Up Again

Whenever your hear national health insurance or cooperative housing attacked as "socialism," remember this:

In 1936 the Republican party tried to win a presidential election largely on the issue of social security. Social security is socialism! That was the GOP cry.

Today 14 years later only 2 Republican Senators and 14 Representatives oppose the idea of social security. True, there is still plenty of argument over the extent of the program and the amount of the benefits.

But hardly anyone calls social security "socialism" any more.

Want to bet that 14 years from now the word "socialism" won't be applied to either national health insurance or cooperative housing?

Why? Simply because those programs are just as much a part of the American way of life as social security.—(LLPE).

It is a husband of superior intelligence who knows when to laugh while his wife is telling a funny story.

In Union Circles

Bartenders Union 545 of Salinas initiated two new members at last week's meeting, according to Secretary A. J. Clark. They are Vonda D. Bellah and A. J. Anderson, both employed at Franco's Bar in Castroville.

James L. Bolin, business agent of Painters Union 272 at Monterey, was to leave this week on his annual vacation. He said he planned to make an automobile trip to Oklahoma for business purposes and to visit friends and relatives there.

Harvey Baldwin, business agent of Salinas Carpenters Union 925, was due back on Monday of this week. During his vacation, much of his work has been capably handled by Office Secretary Mrs. Margaret Brown.

Billy Rose Lauds San Diego Labor

San Diego, Calif.—When Billy Rose, Broadway producer, took the job as consulting director of the 1953 California World Progress Exposition (his wages: one pound of his favorite tobacco), he said he was attracted by the fair's theme—dramatizing the free enterprise system.

But when Rose came here to begin giving his advice at a luncheon attended by hundreds of civic and business leaders, there was some noticeable squirming as he remarked:

"Free enterprise is a fine theme, but let us be careful about what we mean by free enterprise. If it's the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers brand, you can count me out. This may be too direct for your stomachs, but it is my opinion.

"Such a theme should demonstrate that the average American Joe and his missus get a better break in this country than any place in the world.

"Such a fair as is planned for San Diego is not possible without labor. Labor is the quarterback that is calling the signals in this country today, and these signals will set the pattern for living from this time on. This will be done from national levels down to local union levels."

He urged that a House of Labor be constructed among the major fair buildings.

Health Handbook

Washington.—A handbook giving all facts on national health insurance is being distributed by the Committee for the Nation's Health, the committee said July 17. The book contains 80 pages, analysing the background of the national health insurance fight and providing ammunition to counter claims made by the big medical lobby headed by the American Medical Association. Copies can be ordered from the Committee for the Nation's Health, Kellogg Bldg., Washington.

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BARBERS 927—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres., J. N. Butler, Jr., 418 Monterey St., phone 4110; Sec.-Treas., N. H. Freeman, 36 W. Alisal St., phone 9782.

BARTENDERS 545 — Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1 p. m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St. Sec.-Bus. Agt., Al J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633. Pres., Virgil K. Knight, office 117 Pajaro St. Phone 4633.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY — Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey. Pres., William K. Grubbs, 76 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove. Rec. Sec., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, phone Mont. 2-3002. Bus. Agt., John R. Martins, Salinas office, 274 East Alisal, phone 2-1603; Monterey office, 315 Alvarado, phone 5-6744.

BUTCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday at Carpenters Hall at 8 p.m. Pres., Clark Banner, 1209 1st Ave., phone 2-0720. Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtright, 1881 Jonathan Ave., San Jose, CYpress 5-3949. **Hollister-Gilroy Officers:** Pres., Richard Santa, 122 Vine St., Hollister, phone 392; Rec.-Sec., Harold Johnson, Rte. 2, Box 139, Hollister, phone 43F5.

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CARPENTERS 925—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Carpenters Hall. Pres., Herbert Nelson. Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Harvey Baldwin, 556 San Benito, phone Salinas 6716; Rec. Sec., A. O. Miller, Hall and office, 1422 N. Main St., phone 9293.

CARPENTERS 1279 (King City)—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at King City Carpenters Hall. Pres., Bill Young, phone 376-J. Sec., A. W. Reiger, 411 South San Lorenzo Ave., phone 694-W.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 2nd Tuesdays, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Herbert Nelson, 32 Paloma St., phone 5187; sec., Mrs. Frank Wenzinger, 146 Alton Rd., phone 21156; Bus. Agt., Mrs. Lewis Ball, 140 Linden St., phone 4603. Office at Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main, phone 9293.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County), Salinas—Meets every Friday at 8 p.m., at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. A. Wood. Sec.-Treas., Alfred J. Clark, office at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 7787.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—Meets 2nd Monday at 2:30 p. m. and 4th Monday at 8:00 p. m. at Salinas Labor Temple. Pres., Alan Meeks; Sec., Bertha Boles. Office, Ghkburg Bldg., 6 West Gabilan St., phone 6209.

DRY CLEANERS 258-D—Meets 2nd Thursdays, Wm. Nuelle, 1027 Del Monte St., phone 2-3590. Sec.-Treas., Josephine Jones, 674 E. Market, phone 2-0871; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA. 1-3336.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesdays; Executive Board, 3rd Wednesdays, 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Alvin Esser, Baldwin Trailer Court, phone 2-3273. Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Karl E. Ozols, office 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-2886.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesdays, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville Labor Temples, 8 p. m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, Rm. 483, Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Main office, 3004 14th St., San Francisco, phone Underhill 1-1135.

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JOINT EXECUTIVE BOARD, Bartenders 545 and Culinary Alliance 467—Meets 2nd Wednesdays 2 p.m. at Labor Temple. Pres., Bertha A. Boles, phone 6209; Sec., A. J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633.

LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. Fenchel, 146 Hitchcock Rd., phone 5810, office 6939. Sec., J. F. Mattos, 102 Toro, phone 6777. Bus. Agt., J. B. McGinley, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6777.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy R. Bengel, Hilby St., Monterey. Sec., Ronald Hodges, 612 Wilson St., Salinas, phone 2-2906. Bus. Agt., John R. Martins, office 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 2-1603.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 258 — Meets 3rd Thursdays at Salinas Labor Temple, at 7:30 p. m. Pres., Hazel Skewes, 1314 2nd Ave., Sec.-Treas., Grace MacRossie, 59-1st Ave. Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco. Phone MA. 1-3336. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824 — Meets 1st Tuesday; Executive Board, 2nd Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p. m. Pres., Alex Day, res. 611 Doss Ave., phone 2-3775; Fin. Sec., L. W. Parker, 1429 Wren St., phone Salinas 9494.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., Walter Ebel, 530 Park St., phone 2-2984. Rec. Sec., L. Wendelkin, 1115 Juanita Blvd. Fin. Sec. and B. A., Peter A. Greco, 417 Lincoln Ave. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets 4th Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray T. Jones, 146 Pine St., phone 5530. Sec., C. R. Pendergrass, 210 Dennis, phone 2-1553. Bus. Agt., John R. Martins, office, 117 Pajaro, phone 2-1603.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 503—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 7:30 p.m.; (Ex. Board meets every Tuesday, 7 p.m.) Pres., Carl Littvin; Fin. and Rec. Sec., John W. Drew; Bus. Agt., E. R. Arbuckle. Office at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-3517.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Wednesday, Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., J. H. Fischer, 128 Mercer Way, Sec. H. C. Schielke, 636 El Camino Real No., phone 7080.

PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Ass'ts. Union)—Meets 3rd Monday of month at Salinas at 8 p.m. Pres., Harry Wingard 950 Colton, Monterey; Sec.-Treas., Robert P. Meders, 151 Toro Ave., Salinas.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Charles Smith, Box 703, Monterey. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Garold F. Miller, 831 Beach St., Salinas, phone 2-3366. Office, 6 W. Gabilan St., Room 1, phone 4938.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Donald King, 106 Irving, Monterey, phone 3014. Sec.-Treas., John Murphy, 616 Elm St., Rt. 1, Monterey.

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STATE COUNTY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call. Pres., H. E. Lyons, 15 West St., Salinas; Sec.-Treas., W. P. Karich, 20 Natividad Rd., Salinas, phone 2-2691.

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TEACHERS 1020—Meets on call. Sec. Fred Clayton, 70 Robley Road, Corral de Tierra, Salinas, Phone 3045.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611 — Meets 1st Tuesday every month at 9:30 a.m. at Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., Geo. Smith, 1122 Garner St., Salinas; Bus. Agt., James Wilson, 228 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Sec., Dave Green, P.O. Box 584, Watsonville, phone Watsonville 757.

TYPOGRAPHICAL 543 — Meets last Sunday of month alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., D. R. Harrison. Sec.-Treas., A. C. Davis, 109 Prospect St., Watsonville, phone 959.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND HELPERS 890—Meets 2nd Tuesday at Salinas High Auditorium, 8 p.m. Acting Pres., Ray Bourdet. Sec. Peeter A. Andrade; Bus. Agt., Wm. G. Kenyon, phone 2-0497. Office, 274 E. Alisal St., Salinas, phone 5743.

Olin Johnston Beats Dixiecrat Thurmond In Senatorial Race

Olin Johnston—a friend of workers and farmers—has been renominated for a second Senate term by the Democratic voters of South Carolina.

Johnston beat Gov. Strom Thurmond, the 1948 Dixiecrat candidate for President, in the Democratic Senatorial primary July 11. As there is no effective Republican party in the state, that means Johnston is as good as elected. The general election in November will be a mere formality.

A member of the Senate since 1944, Johnston has one of the best voting records among Southerners in Washington. He opposes the Taft-Hartley Act. Last year on the 10 key Senate issues he voted right 8 times.

All organized labor in South Carolina supports Johnston. In the sections of the state where there is industry and where labor is strong, the vote was overwhelmingly for Johnston.

In the Democratic primary for governor, James Byrnes, former Senator, Supreme Court Justice and Secretary of State who has turned sour on the Administration, easily defeated three opponents.

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THANKS

Editor:

This is just a note to express to you my thanks for the good coverage given my campaign by the union paper. I am most appreciative.

The confidence shown by the voters of California in my beliefs and in my record in the primary election has renewed my determination to win again in the finals.

With all good wishes,
Sincerely yours,
Helen Gahagan Douglas.

Two California Towns Drop Rent Controls

Washington.—The dropping of rent controls continued July 19 as Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods announced that two California towns, Walnut Creek and Belvedere, had been decontrolled on the basis of local option resolutions.

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EDITORIALS

HOW ABOUT KOREA?

Several weeks ago an editorial was printed in this column headed "How About Korea?" The editorial does not take a position. In it we ask several questions which any thinking American might well ask.

However, the Korean situation has changed very fast in the last two weeks. The Communist newspaper "People's World" has seen fit to print certain quotes from the editorial in question and place inferences and exaggerated interpretations of these statements to suit their own purpose.

They infer that the text of the editorial reflects the thinking of several hundred thousand unionists and that these unionists are opposed to the United States' position in the Korean situation. This is not so. The editorial represents the thinking of one man discussing the Korean situation before it had reached the acute stage of today.

Let us state our position: If our country should become involved in a war with some power, then we will fight with our country regardless of the reasons. We are Americans, and believe very much in our country—"The United States of America." It is the best country in the world. We have no use for the "Commies" who are trying to break down our democratic way of life, and will do everything we can to get these slimy individuals back where they belong.

Any war is a terrible expense. That expense is borne primarily by taxation of the American workers. Our children and their children will be paying for the last war. Nevertheless, there comes a time when we must draw the line. If Korea is the place to draw the line, if the leaders of our government have decided that this is IT, then we are with them.

"A FRAUD AND A HOAX"

"Windbag McCarthy's charges that first 205, then 57 employees of our government were subversives have vanished, after four months of investigation by a subcommittee of five members of the foreign relations committee, of which three of the five members rendered a final report in which McCarthy's fantastic claims were branded as "a fraud and a hoax." Not a single case was proven with anything like reliable and dependable evidence. About the only evidence that was introduced consisted of hearsay evidence by discredited ex-communists and this evidence was repudiated by the ones who were supposed to have stated they had such knowledge.

What is clear as daylight now is that the only purpose of the commotion raised by the McCarthy charges was to supply Republican politicians with a campaign issue against the Democratic party and all Democratic officials. The game was to smear everything and everybody with totally unfounded and untrue insinuations and by making enough noise about it to get a lot of people to believe it, as invariably happens if enough people keep on repeating the same charges and continue to shout so loudly that somebody keeps hearing it wherever they go.

Such frauds and such hoaxes have been used in bygone years to eliminate some of our best lawmakers at Washington. In fact it is a favorite method of getting rid of Congressmen, who refuse to take orders from the powers that be. What proves that McCarthy's fake charges were purely political bunk is that the committee members who signed the report were all democrats, while those who were willing for the smear to continue were all republicans. This was emphasized when the report was adopted by the U. S. Senate by all the democrats voting for its adoption and all the republicans voting against.

For republicans to be so anxious to use such unproved smear in the campaign of 1950 is little credit to them. It is a relief to have the McCarthy charges now listed in the official record as a "hoax and a fraud." McCarthy's grotesque comeback to the committee when he was asked to produce evidence was: "There is plenty of evidence if you will dig it up." Why did he not dig it up himself before he started popping off like he did?

While many events of today are attracting your attention do not overlook your most important duty, which is to be registered without fail for the November election, so you can use your vote this year to help elect people who will give labor a square deal.

KOREA AND YOU

(The following statement of policy on the Korean situation has been issued by the national Labor League for Political Education, political arm of the American Federation of Labor.)

When the Communist army of North Korea attacked the independent nation of South Korea, your freedom to say what you please, to write what you think and to worship as you want was threatened.

You ask: How can fighting thousands of miles away from my home affect me so much? President Truman answered that question when he said June 27:

"In these circumstances I have ordered United States air and sea forces to give the Korean Government troops cover and support.

"The attack upon Korea makes it plain beyond all doubt that communism has passed beyond the use of subversion to conquer independent nations and will now use armed invasion and war.

"It has defied the order of the Security Council of the United Nations issued to preserve international peace and security. In these circumstances the occupation of Formosa by Communist forces would be a direct threat to the security of the Pacific area and to United States forces performing their lawful and necessary functions in that area."

The United States and the other free countries cannot sit idly by as Josef Stalin tries to gobble up the democratic world, nation by nation. Appeasement was tried when Adolf Hitler and his Nazi army began their projected step-by-step conquest of the world in 1935. Those timid tactics of the thirties brought on World War II.

President Truman ordered full American support to South Korea because he knows that dictators do not start wars unless they think they can win them without a costly fight. Hitler did not march into Poland because he wanted to start World War II. He invaded Poland because he thought England and France would do nothing about it as when Austria and Czechoslovakia were overrun by the Nazis.

As long as the Communists know that the United States will back up its anti-Communist talk with the strongest possible action, Stalin will not risk starting World War III. Stalin, like Hitler, tries to conquer countries only when he thinks he can do so without risking a worldwide war.

President Truman's action in Korea calls for unity here in America. It is heartening to know that 99 per cent of the people back the President. Only such men as Col. Robert McCormick, Sen. Robert Taft and Sen. Kenneth Wherry are refusing of close ranks.

Mr. President, the working people stand behind you. All they have to say it: Nice going! Keep up the good work!

AFL Maps Big Fall Voter Drive

(AFL Release)

Washington.—The big push to elect an anti-Taft-Hartley Congress was thrown into high gear by AFL union leaders at a 2-day meeting here.

International union presidents and secretaries met with top officials of the AFL and Labor's League for Political Education to discuss financing the campaign.

Officials of state federations of labor and editors of labor newspapers drafted a blueprint for action.

Liberal and organized labor groups are in a strong position to achieve the election in November of a Congress that will repeal the Taft-Hartley law, enact a health insurance plan, and carry forward a sound international relations policy.

But it will be necessary to redouble efforts to raise the funds and get out the registered voters required to hit the target.

Reactionaries are spending a multi-million-dollar fortune to oppose liberals in every race. So far

Backs Korea



Washington.—David Lee (left), former secretary of labor in the Republic of Korea, receives assurances from AFL President William Green that American labor is united in its resistance to Soviet Russia's communistic aggression against Lee's country.

U. S. Security, Election Goal Of Our LLPE

(Continued from Page 1)

WE HAVE THE VOTES

"Labor has the votes required for victory. The 1948 election proved that. However, in an off-year records show that labor's vote tends to stay home—resulting in dangerous losses in friendly House and Senate seats. This was true in 1938. It was true in 1942, and especially was it true in 1946. Consequently, it is absolutely necessary for us to see that labor's vote does not stay home in 1950. It appears in full force at the polls on November 7 next.

"So far in the 1950 primaries it has become apparent that labor's enemies have unlimited funds to spend and will stoop to any depth to achieve victory. In order to insure labor's victory it is hereby recommended by the National Committee that each National and International Union and all affiliates of the American Federation of Labor put into effect the following program of action:

"All National and International Unions and all affiliates of the American Federation of Labor shall immediately instruct their regional and district representatives to call on the local union deputy collectors (financial secretaries) and to call regional meetings of all local union officers, for the purpose of instructing local union officers to:

"1. Set up within each local union a committee designated as the REGISTRATION COMMITTEE. This committee shall conduct a drive among the membership with the goal of registering every member and his family or her family in order that they will be qualified to vote in the November elections.

"2. Set up a committee designated as the CONTRIBUTION COMMITTEE to conduct, among the membership, a drive for voluntary contributions. The goal shall be a voluntary contribution from members and friends. Funds shall be forwarded to the LLPE National Office each week as collected. (NOTE: The National Committee finds that local unions have collected funds and that these funds are lying in the local office awaiting the completion of the collections. It is a recommendation that these funds be sent in each week, because these funds are needed now.)

"3. Impress upon their membership the urgent need for their full and complete cooperation with state and local LLPE and the great part that their active participation can play in the overall political effort which must be made in the coming campaigns.

"The National and International Unions and all the affiliates of the American Federation of Labor shall obtain from their various representatives complete periodic progress reports on the extent of registration and the amount of funds collected from each of their local unions. The first report should be made to the International Union Headquarters not later than September 1 prior to the American Federation of Labor convention."

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Green Calls For Labor Mobilizing

(State Fed. Release)

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, this week, demanded total national preparedness for "any eventuality"—including mobilization of labor.

In a statement released to the press of the nation, the AFL chief declared: "We find ourselves facing a situation with the implications of a third world war.

For preparedness for front-line service and for the safety of our civilian population at home and at work, every able-bodied citizen must find his responsibility and make good.

"There will be no sidelines secure from bombing. There must be a mobilization of labor.

"Our unions are ready and competent to cooperate in that responsibility as free citizens should.

"When the President took leadership in the Far Eastern crisis, he served notice that much as we value peace, we value more the principles that underlie our way of life."

The Green policy statement followed the earlier issuance of a seven-point program of action by the Free Trade Union Committee of the AFL.

HALT SOVIET AGGRESSION

In an emergency declaration, the committee, headed by AFL Vice Pres. Matthew Woll, urged the following steps be taken to halt Soviet aggression in South Korea and thereby "assure the peace and security of the entire world":

(1) The United Nations, in accordance with its charter, should render all aid to South Korea.

(2) UN to appeal to the Soviet Union "to order its puppet North Korean regime to halt its invasion and withdraw forthwith" north of the 38th parallel.

(3) If this UN appeal is flouted, full diplomatic and economic sanctions against the Soviet Union and North Korea should be taken.

(4) Conclusion of a treaty of mutual aid between the U.S. and Korea and "undertake to mobilize and equip its citizenry to chase the Russian-led invaders across the frontier from which the communist attack was launched."

(5) Provide military supplies and personnel essential to defeat any communist assault on Formosa.

(6) "In view of the experience in Czechoslovakia, Germany, China and Korea with the communist fifth column as an auxiliary of the Soviet government in its policy of subversion and imperialist expansion against all free countries, the Departments of National Defense, State and Justice—together with a commission of private citizens representative of labor, management, the farmers and the public—should be charged with preparing an effective democratic program to uproot, paralyze and eliminate all such traitorous agents, agencies and activities from our country."

(7) An address by President Truman before a joint session of the House and Senate in support of the above program "in order to impress upon the American people the gravity of the crisis."

Enslave Asia, Is Russ Goal

(AFL Release)

Bombay, India.—Richard Deverall, AFL representative in Asia, said that Russia started war on the Republic of South Korea "to initiate a military campaign ending in complete domination and enslavement of the Asian nations."

In an article prepared for the August issue of The American Federationist, official AFL monthly publication, Deverall stated:

"The North Korean communist regime must be brought before the bar of international justice to stand trial as accused war criminals.

"Speedy conclusion of the communist war against the United Nations in Korea will be a mighty contribution toward preventing any possible third World War in the future."

The AFL representative in Asia assailed the hypocrisy of the communists in pretending that they are for "peace." He said that while the Kremlin and its satellites were preaching "peace" just prior to the invasion of the Republic of Korea, "the world communist forces behind the Iron Curtain were cynically and brutally preparing for aggressive war in Asia."

Deverall said that long before the actual invasion of South Korea began, the communists were using guerrillas in South Korea and boasting of their exploits in the official publications of the Cominform. Before the invasion, he said, the communists used "every possible means short of war to communize the South Koreans," but they were unsuccessful.

About \$120 million in back pay was agreed to be paid to three million workers by their employers as a result of investigations by the U.S. Labor Dept.'s Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions since enactment of the federal wage and hour law in October 1938.

HEADED FOR BATTLEFRONT—Thirty B-29 bombers of the 22nd Bomb Wing take off from March Field, Calif., bound for Japan and the Korean war. Routes which the giant craft were to take were held secret, as were names of crewmen. A pilot is shown checking his crew and their equipment before entering plane.

1,000 Carpenters Win Hike in L.A.

Los Angeles.—One thousand carpenters won their demand for a wage increase and returned to work here on what reportedly is the largest current residential construction project in the U. S.

The settlement left over 10,000 carpenters still out and facing the threat of a permanent anti-strike injunction. A preliminary injunction was issued July 7 by Superior Court Judge W. Turney Fox to the Association General Contractors and the Building Contractors Assn. The two employer groups sought to prevent a general walkout by the United Bro. of Carpenters (AFL) on expiration of their contract July 10.

They also sought to hold the union members to a blanket agreement negotiated in May by the AFL Building Trades Council for six building trades unions, including the carpenters. The 8 cents hourly wage raise provided by the agreement was voted inadequate by the carpenters, who decided to go their own way.

ASK DISMISSAL

Appearing before Fox, union Attorney Arthur Garrett moved for dismissal of the injunction on grounds that contractors' affidavits were handed him minutes before the hearing instead of at least two days before, as required by law. Fox denied the motion, whereupon the attorney moved for a continuance to give him time to study the employer documents.

AGC Attorney Carl M. Gould said he would oppose the continuance unless the union posted a \$1 million bond and urged its members to resume work. The judge denied those demands, too, and continued the hearing to July 24 when he will also rule on whether 16 union business agents, cited for contempt, shall be found guilty. Contractors charged the carpenter officials with ordering the strike in defiance of the injunction.

The 1,000 carpenters who returned to work at the Lakewood Village low-cost housing project went back, Garrett said, on union terms—\$2.32½ an hour. Under their expired contract, the carpenters received \$2.12 and under the building trades agreement they would have received \$2.20, a rate which carpenter officials said would have left their men lower-paid than other building trades workers.

Before the strike got under way, 804 contractors signed separate agreements with the union providing for the \$2.32½ rate.

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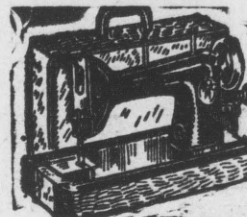
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Socialism?

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The Board said June production should go even higher.

Yep, the Fair Deal sure is taking us down the road to socialism.

Bus Drivers Ratify

Dearborn, Mich.—The strike-won rate of \$1.50 an hour, achieved last year by Div. 1265, Amalgamated Assn. of Street Electric Railway & Motorcoach Employees (AFL), from the Dearborn Coach Co. was extended to July 31, 1951 by negotiation between the company and the union. It covers 338 members.

The bitter strike last year was 53 days long. At one time Dearborn threatened to institute city-owned buses to provide transportation and cancel the private company franchise.

A volunteer jitney system was also tried but legal obstacles were raised against it.

AMA Wins; Security Hurt

The American Medical Association (AMA) won—and you lost—another fight in Congress July 10. On that day the House refused 249-71 to make the Federal Security Agency (FSA) as important an arm of the Government as the Labor, Commerce or Agriculture Departments.

And why should you worry about that? Here's the reason:

The FSA runs the social security program. And if Congress ever makes the aid-to-education and national health insurance proposals law, FSA probably will operate them too.

Right now FSA isn't considered as important as the Labor, Commerce or Agriculture Departments. But it should be put on an equal basis with these other departments so it could do a better job in carrying out the social security program for your benefit.

While the AFL, CIO and other unions support the plan to turn the FSA into a Department of Health, Education and Security, the AMA is the principal opponent of the idea.

The AMA is against a strengthened FSA because it thinks such a move might help to bring a health insurance program to the United States.

Last August, a similar plan to make the FSA do a better job for you was defeated in the Senate.

Under the procedures adopted by Congress to make the Government more efficient, any reorganization plan proposed by President Truman becomes law unless a majority of all the members of either the House or the Senate vote against it. It has 60 days in which to do that.—(LLPE).



HEAD MOBILIZATION — W. Stuart Symington has been appointed supreme chief of the U.S. war mobilization program. New title of the former air force chief is chairman of the Natl. Security Resources Board.

"The Fair Deal Is Patriotic; Pass It"

New York.—In a letter to Pres. Truman, Pres. Emil Rieve of the Textile Workers Union (CIO) suggested that he seek passage of the Fair Deal program, including Taft-Hartley repeal, as a patriotic measure to help the U. S. fight communism.

Rieve also called for enactment of "standby controls, at least," to prevent hoarding and inflation.

"The U. S. must in words, as well as deeds, personify the quest for freedom of all people, everywhere," Rieve said. "Unless we win the moral contest we cannot win the physical one. This was amply demonstrated in China, where a superior army collapsed for lack of conviction; and newspaper dispatches suggest that a similar weakness exists, to some degree, among the South Koreans."

"Would it not be wise for you, as chief executive in this period of mounting crisis, to urge action on the Fair Deal program—with emphasis on repeal of the Taft-Hartley act—in the name of patriotism?"

Minton Is Re-Elected By Bottle Blowers

Columbus, O.—Lee W. Minton was reelected president of the AFL Glass Bottle Blowers Assn. for a 2-year term by unanimous vote at the union's convention.

All the officers and executive board of the 38,000 member union also were reelected. Mr. Minton has been president since 1946. At 38 he is the youngest president of any international union in the AFL.

International officers who were reelected include Vice President Raymond H. Dalton, Secretary Newton W. Black and Treasurer Ellis Tibbles.

The union convention presented a number of prominent speakers including AFL President William Green, and AFL Vice President Matthew Woll. President Green pointed out that the Glass Bottle Blowers Association was an example of a union which refused the basic tenets of the Taft-Hartley Law.

Milk Drivers Get Severance Pay in New Agreement

Chicago.—A new contract, combining an improved pension plan with a severance pay feature, has been negotiated between the Associated Milk Dealers, Inc., Chicago, and the AFL Milk Wagon Drivers Union, Local 753 of the Teamsters Union.

The union, representing 5,000 milk drivers, already had a pension fund into which the dealers paid \$1.50 per week per man, except for store drivers who delivered more than 12,000 quarts a week. For store drivers the dealer contribution was \$5 per week.

Under the old plan, \$60 a month benefit was paid for 40 months to drivers with 25 years service who reached the age of 65 or were disabled.

Under the new plan, effective retroactive to May 1, an additional \$2 per week per man will be put into the fund by the dealers. With the extra money, the fund will pay pensions of \$60 for 67 months and \$50 monthly for the rest of the driver's life.

But, as Thomas J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the local, pointed out, a severance pay angle to the plan protects the milk driver from losing out if he loses his job or quits before he grows old or gets hurt.

Severance pay of \$300 will be given members after 10 years service, \$500 after 15 years, \$750 after 20 years, and \$1,000 after 25 years.

Of the \$2 additional contribution just negotiated, 75 cents will be used to pay for a hospitalization insurance plan. Individual drivers have the right to enlarge their hospitalization coverage with supplementary contributions of their own.

STATE GRABS FEDERAL HIKE

By GEORGE McLAIN

The average federal social security payment for a California retired worker over 65 is about \$26 per month. The new Senate Bill would boost it to \$50.90 per month. The maximum payment will be increased from \$45 to \$72.50 a month.

The lowest payment of about \$10 a month will be increased to around \$20 a month. Many retired workers who were not able to qualify because they had not gained sufficient quarters, will find that the required quarters under the new law will be much less and retroactive.

Many California pensioners are receiving some social security payments, augmented by the State's old age assistance. Any increase that they may receive under the new social security Senate bill would automatically be deducted from their State old age assistance checks.

Under the circumstances, some 30,000 persons in California, drawing both old age insurance and State assistance, will not personally benefit from the Senate bill. But the State Treasury will be able to save some \$9,000,000 a year because of receiving this federal increase. The State and counties will also benefit from the federal hike in the dependent children program.

LLPE Maps Fall Strategy

(State Fed. Release)

C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, flew to Washington, D. C., early this week for an "important meeting" of the AFL Labor's League for Political Education.

The two-day conference was held July 18-19. Telegraphic summons were sent by AFL Pres. William Green and Sec.-Treas. George Meany to the president and secretary of all national and international unions and state federations, and to labor newspaper editors.

Congressman John F. Shelley, State Federation president, also attended the LLPE session, which was held at the Washington Hotel in the national capital.

Purpose of the conference was to plan strategy and campaign methods for the hard congressional battles of the autumn. Main consideration was given to the coordinating of membership, financial and publicity resources of the American Federation of Labor to elect a liberal Congress in November.

Says Europe Backs U.S. in Korean War

Newark, N. J.—European sentiment is "solidly behind President Truman and American aid to South Korea," Louis P. Marcian, president New Jersey State Federation of Labor, said upon his return after a 6 weeks trip overseas.

Mr. Marcian was one of the American advisers to George P. Delaney, the U. S. delegate to the International Labor Organization's annual conference in Geneva, Switzerland. Mr. Marcian, who visited Italy, France, and Portugal, said:

"Not only the labor representatives, but also those from management, who attended the ILO sessions, were of the opinion that the American government, in consultative effort with the United Nations, was pursuing the right course in refusing to let North Korea grab South Korea in the same manner that the Reds grabbed Czechoslovakia and other places. They also felt that now was the time for the United Nations to prove its worth as the agency for enforcing world peace."

Mr. Marcian praised the ILO. "It was my first direct contact with that organization and I could see what a magnificent job it is doing in building for better labor-management relations and for the development of democratic trade unionism throughout the world," he said.

Mr. Marcian and his wife returned on the "America." They were formally welcomed back at the pier by a delegation of State AFL leaders headed by Vincent J. Murphy, secretary-treasurer, and Assemblyman Lewis M. Herrmann. Plans are being made for Mr. Marcian to give a full report of his trip to the State AFL executive board.

65th Ohio Meeting To Stress Politics

Columbus, Ohio.—The 65th annual convention of the Ohio State Federation of Labor will weigh the results of political action and press with determination the drive to defeat Sen. Robert A. Taft and every reactionary congressman from the state.

Convention sessions will get under way Monday, Aug. 21, in the Neil House here, with President Michael J. Lyden presiding.

AFL President William Green will deliver an address.

Secretary-Treasurer Phil Hannah of the Ohio Federation said in a pre-convention statement:

"Politics is a job day in and out throughout the year. Political education stands out as a powerful new weapon to protect American workers from restrictive legislative action. The 65th convention will stress that point."

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New York.—David Sullivan, president Local 32B. of the AFL Building Service Employees, presents Hope V. Morrison one of the \$4,800 scholarships awarded by the union to Columbia University. Other winners, all children of members of the local, are, l. to r., Celia B. Atwell, John E. Newell and Dennis M. Horgan. Looking on is Dean Harry J. Carman of Columbia.

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ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1074—Meets 2nd Monday at Monterey Moose Hall, 8:00 p.m. Pres., D. B. Crow, 243 Pacific St., phone 3336; Fin. Sec., Andy Lazer; Bus. Agt., Leroy Hastey, phone 4-4632.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday in Salinas. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby, Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Main office, 3004 - 16th St., San Francisco, phone Underhill 1-1135.

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LABORERS 690—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 315 Alvarado St., 8 p.m. Pres., C. J. DeMent, Secy. and Bus. Agent, S. M. Thomas, P.O. Box 142, phone 2-0215. Office at 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

LATHERS 122—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy R. Benge, Hilby St., Monterey; Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seelert, 1508 First St., Salinas, phone Salinas 7674; Monterey Bus. Agt., S. M. Thomas, office at 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 192—Meets 3rd Friday, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Bartenders Hall; Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley, Pacific Grove, phone 5-6569; Sec., Doris Lake, 404 Park Ave., Pacific Grove.

MUSICIANS 616—Meets 1st Sunday of each quarter, 2 p.m., Bartenders Hall. Pres., Don Snell, 61 Lighthouse; Bus. Agt., Lin Murray, 296 Alvarado St.; Sec., Don B. Forster, 140 Forest Ave., phone 5-6166.

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POST OFFICE CLERKS 1292—Meets every other month, Rm. 6, P. O. Bldg., 8:30 p.m., Room 6, P. O. Bldg. Pres., David Bud' Dougherty, 404 Lighthouse, P. G.; phone 2-5213; Sec., Dick Miller, 781 Prescott, phone 5-6222; Bus. Agent, Art Hamill, 1034 Hellam, phone 2-0420. (Mail address, Local 1292, Post Office, Monterey, Calif.)

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Donald King, 106 Irving, Monterey, phone 5-3019; Sec. and Bus. Agent, Wm. Powell, 1027 Madrone St., Seaside, phone 21266.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey, Hawthorne and Prescott streets, and at Salinas at Carpenters Hall, 1422 N. Main St., and at Watsonville and Santa Cruz. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 2-3825. Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbol, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., R. W. Beckenhower, Box 815, Watsonville; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina. Office phone Monterey 5-6744.

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THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday every month at 9:30 a.m. at Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., Geo. Smith, 1122 Garner St., Salinas; Bus. Agt., James Wilson, 228 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Sec., Dave Green, P.O. Box 584, Watsonville, phone Watsonville 757.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS 890—Meets 2nd Thursday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Acting Pres., Ray Bourdet, Sec., Peter A. Andrade, 274 E. Alisal St.; Bus. Agt., Glenn Wilkerson, Office, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey, phone 2-0124.

N.Y. Probes Rise In Bread Price

New York.—A penny a loaf of bread increase, ordered by five major baking companies here at a take of \$9 million annually, is due for a city inquiry.

Representatives of the Continental, Ward, General and Purity Baking Cos. were summoned to Investigation Commissioner James Sheil's office to answer questions about the price boost.

Sheil said he had clear evidence of "collusion" among the five companies. He said the increase, which raised the price of a loaf of bread to a new high of 17 cents, was "unjustifiable and unwarranted". He estimated the annual loss to consumers at \$9 million.

The commissioner pointed out that wholesale prices of bread ingredients are still "well below" the level of January 1948 and added that recent wage increases won by AFL bakers would account for "only a very small fraction of this increased cost."

The price boost was put into effect by the baking companies in the midst of a series of increases on other products resulting from Korean war scare-buying.

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THE TRUTH ABOUT PUBLIC HOUSING

(Your labor paper here reprints, in several successive issues, the report of the National Housing Conference, "The Truth About Public Housing," as an antidote to the campaign of lies, half-truths and misrepresentation now being conducted by real estate interests throughout the country. Watch this paper for following installments.)

THIRD INSTALLMENT

6. PUBLIC HOUSING DOES NOT COMPETE WITH PRIVATE HOUSING

Public housing is not in competition with decent private housing. Families eligible for public housing are in the lowest income group—well below those for whom private enterprise provides decent dwellings. Where does private enterprise provide decent three to seven-room homes for a total cost of \$20 to \$40 per month? Only the owner of slum properties not fit for habitation is in competition with the low-rents of public housing, under terms of law.

That is the fact upon which Congress justified its conclusion that low-income families can be decently housed only with the aid of a Federal contribution to make up the difference between what they can pay in rent and what it costs to provide the housing. Mr. Will Clayton, businessman of Houston, Texas, recently said: "What [public housing] seeks to do is to provide decent housing for people who will not have it provided for them by free enterprise."

The National Housing Act of 1949 states, under Title III, Section 301 (b): "The Authority shall not make any contract for loans . . . or for annual contributions . . . (ii) unless the public housing agency has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Authority that a gap of at least 20 percentum has been left between the upper rental limits for admission to the proposed low-rent housing and the lowest rents at which private enterprise unaided by public subsidy is providing (through new construction and available existing structures) a substantial supply of decent, safe, and sanitary housing toward meeting the need of an adequate volume thereof."

7. THE "BALTIMORE PLAN" FOR SLUM REHABILITATION IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING

The so-called Baltimore plan, now being studied by other cities, is a health and sanitation measure based upon a housing code which sets certain minimum health and sanitation standards, and upon a vigorous program of enforcement of this code. Under such a plan, it is possible to ameliorate some slum conditions, but no new housing is added to the existing supply. It is only a supplemental program of small possibilities, and in no way a substitute for a real housing and slum clearance program.

In the words of Mayor D'Alesandro of Baltimore:

The Baltimore plan "is designed to relieve somewhat the worst slum conditions until such time as the slums can be torn down and satisfactory housing supplied. It does no more, simply because to do more would be completely impractical in view of the dilapidated character of the present buildings. The standards set up in the housing code are as high as are feasible, but even so are well below those of decent and adequate housing. For example, the code requires the installation of an inside toilet fixture but it does not require the provision of a bath because there is no space for a bath in most of our slum dwellings. Even the small amount of space needed for a toilet must come from some other room already too small and crowded.

"The Baltimore plan might be compared to first aid administered in the temporary absence of a doctor, which would not be necessary if the doctor were present to begin with, and which in no way eliminates the eventual need for the doctor's services.

"Our law enforcement program does not add one dwelling to our supply of low-rent dwellings. In fact, a strict law enforcement program reduces the total supply of dwellings since some buildings

must be completely demolished.

"Furthermore, such a program must rely upon the availability of an additional supply of low-rent dwellings if it is to be effective in curing one of the principal causes of slums, that is, the crowding of more than one family into a single-dwelling unit. I strongly believe that other cities should consider adoption of the Baltimore plan as an interim method of relieving slum conditions to some extent, but don't let anybody kid you into thinking that it is, in any sense, a substitute for an adequate slum clearance, redevelopment, and public low-rent housing program."

The Baltimore Sun, a conservative newspaper, said about the Baltimore plan:

"Baltimore's attempts to improve living conditions in slum areas through stricter enforcement of fire, health and building regulations have drawn high praise from the National Association of Home Builders. Baltimore's law-enforcement campaign, according to the monthly organ of the home builders, 'is providing much-needed minimum housing,' 'is gradually ridding this great metropolitan center of its slum areas,' and 'is markedly reducing the rate of juvenile delinquency.' The Association believes that other cities with a slum problem might well follow Baltimore's lead

"Before other cities are led to believe that Baltimore has found an inexpensive and sure cure for all slum conditions, the beautiful picture presented by the home builders should be toned down a bit. Baltimore's efforts to force compliance with minimum legal standards of decent living conditions are neither 'providing much-needed minimum housing' nor 'gradually ridding' the city of its blighted areas. The slum clean-up campaign has brought about the replacement of windowpanes and plaster in some areas, improved sanitary conditions to some extent, and compelled landlords and tenants alike to clear out rat-infested cellars and back yards. But the overcrowded, substandard buildings remain exactly that.

"Nor is the Baltimore program 'markedly reducing' juvenile delinquency. There was more juvenile delinquency in Baltimore last year than in the previous year, according to police records. The number of new cases of tuberculosis, another byproduct of slum conditions, also increased last year. So, flattering as the words of the home builders may be, the facts do not fit the praise. Nor is it strictly accurate to say that the Baltimore slum clean-up program is being 'achieved strictly through the enterprise of private home builders' in cooperation with property owners and city officials. The local program is largely a health measure, supported by civic-minded groups, and it took the establishment of a special housing court to get the 'cooperation' of vested interests.

"Baltimore's housing law enforcement drive is an excellent one and deserves wide recognition. The city can bluish with fitting pride at the publicity given its efforts by the home builders. But no one should assume that Baltimore is doing anything more than making a few dilapidated buildings a little more habitable. Housing law enforcement is not slum clearance, and nothing will make it so."

(To Be Continued)

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The American Newspaper Guild is considering a proposal to invade the publishing field. The Guild has advanced a sound plan. It has skilled technicians in all phases of newspaper work. Perhaps they will spearhead and guide a trend toward better public information. —Flint Weekly Review.

1100 WORKERS STILL ON PG&E PROJECT HERE

A force of 1100 skilled craftsmen is hard at work here on Monterey Bay completing Pacific Gas and Electric Company's \$51,500,000 Moss Landing Steam Plant, symbol of California's wartime and postwar industrial growth.

One massive, precision-built turbine generator already is spinning out 134,000 electric horsepower. In a major construction achievement it was placed in service just 18 months and 23 days after ground was broken in a broccoli field in September, 1948. In that time a plant arose that has cost more money to build, covers more acres of land—271—and will contribute more revenue in local taxes than any other single industrial development in the history of Monterey County.

Two more generating units equal in size to the first are being installed. Early next year the plant will be in full operation, with its three generators producing 402,000 horsepower of electricity. On completion it will be the largest generating plant on the PG&E system.

With three generators in operation, Moss Landing Steam Plant will have capacity to serve the entire electrical load of the four counties around it, Monterey, San Benito, Santa Cruz and Santa Clara. In actuality, however, the power is fed into the PG&E network to help serve demands anywhere on the interconnected system.

Everything is on a big scale in this plant. The turbine room is 461 feet long, half again as long as a football field. There are six boilers, each as tall as an eight-story building. The six boiler stacks are landmarks towering 225 feet high. More than 20,000 tons of steel and 50,000 cubic yards of concrete went into construction of the great plant.

The boilers, two for each main generating unit, can burn either oil or natural gas and by adjustment could burn pulverized coal. At maximum generating capacity the plan will consume 13,500 barrels of oil every 24 hours, requiring delivery of a tanker-load of 120,000 barrels every nine days.

Oil tankers tie up at an "underwater service station" in Monterey Bay 3500 feet off shore and discharge their load into one of four 120,000-barrel storage tanks at the plant through a sea hose connected to a pipeline on the ocean floor. It takes a tanker 15 hours to pump its cargo of fuel ashore.

At full operation the six boilers will convert 1650 tons of distilled water into steam every hour, superheating it to 950 degrees Fahrenheit. After the steam has given up its energy in spinning the turbine-generator it is condensed into water to be returned to the boilers in an endless cycle.

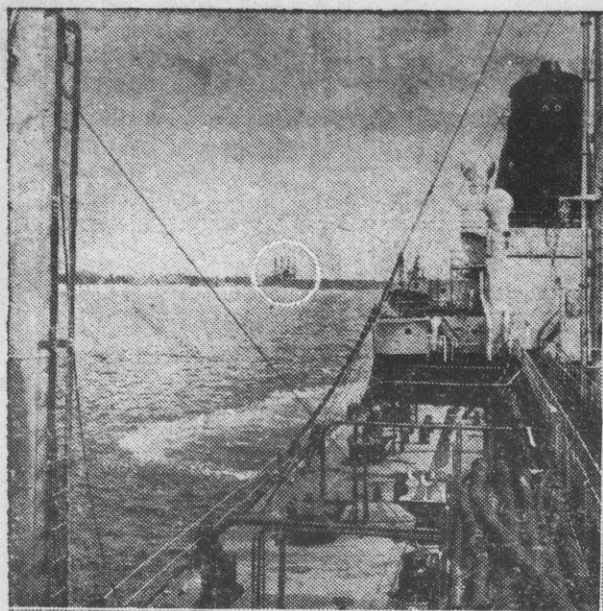
The condensers require an enormous volume of cooling sea water, 282,000 gallons per minute, 406,000,000 gallons in 24 hours—four times the amount of fresh water used for all purposes in the entire city of San Francisco in the same period. The cooling water is drawn from Moss Landing Harbor through an underground tunnel and is returned to Elkhorn Slough.

With completion of Unit No. 1 at Moss Landing, PG&E now has added 1,156,400 horsepower of new generating capacity to its system in the first five postwar years. Completion of Moss Landing and Contra Costa Steam Plants by next summer will bring the new capacity to 1,826,400 horsepower, the greatest expansion by any single electric utility in the nation.

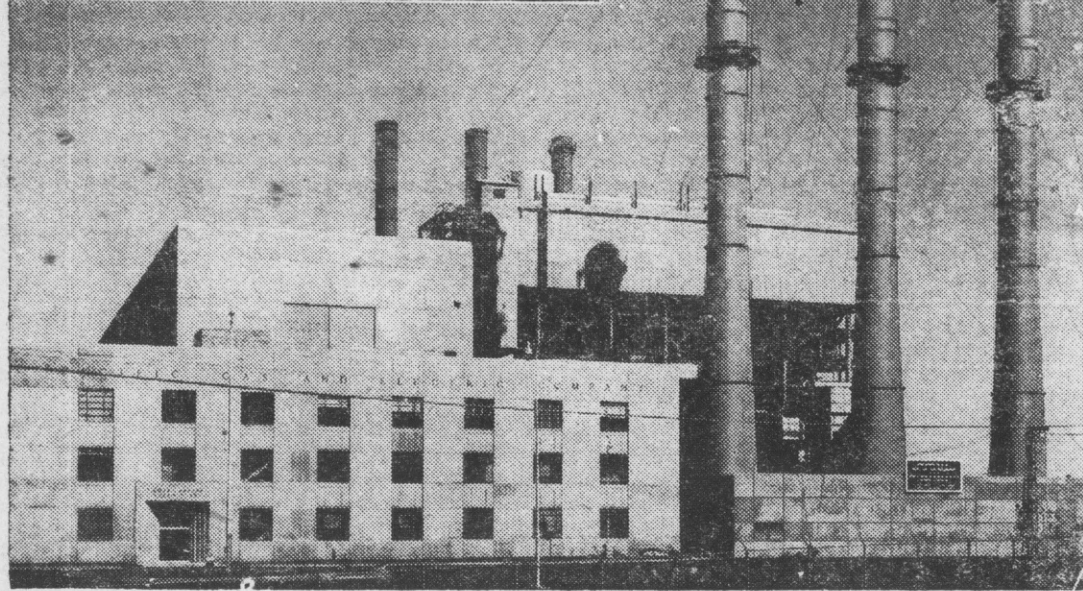
U.S. Corporations Make 12% Profit

Washington—U. S. corporations were making a profit on investment of about 12% in the first quarter of 1950, continuing the earning rates of 1949, according to figures released by the Federal Trade Commission. The total profit after taxes of manufacturers alone in the first quarter of 1950 was \$2.4 billion.

Ship-to-Shore Fuel for New Power Giant



A seagoing service station, 3500 feet offshore in Monterey Bay, delivers oil to fire the huge boilers in P.G. and E.'s new Moss Landing Steam Plant pictured below. At the left a tanker discharges its 120,000-barrel load into the submarine oil line. The plant is circled in the distance.



Unity Talks Set July 25

(AFL Release)

Washington.—The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations set July 25 for the initial meeting of their respective committees to discuss organic unity.

The meeting was called for the Hotel Statler here.

The AFL will be represented by President William Green, Vice Presidents Charles MacGowan, president of the Brotherhood of Boiler Makers; Daniel J. Tobin, president of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, and Dan W. Tracy, president of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

The CIO will be represented by President Philip Murray, Secretary Treasurer James B. Carey, Vice-President Allan S. Haywood, President L. S. Buckmaster of the United Rubber Workers, President Joseph Curran of the National Maritime Union, President Walter Reuther of the United Automobile Workers, President Emil Rieve of the Textile Workers Union, and Secretary-Treasurer Frank Rosenblum of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. The last 5 are CIO vice presidents.

Defense Seeking 100,000 Workers

Washington.—The scale of proposed U. S. mobilization touched off by the Korean war was indicated July 17 as the Defense Dept. announced it would hire about 100,000 new civilian employees in coming months.

To assist in a fast build up, regular civil service rules were suspended and the Defense Dept. was permitted to hire workers on an emergency basis for an indefinite period, probably lasting at least until 1952.

The new personnel would be used in carrying on preparedness operations. It appeared that the magnitude of mobilization went far beyond requirements of the Korean war itself, since the proposed number of new civilian Defense Dept. workers exceeds some of the estimates of combat troops needed in the far east.

Cal. Court Upholds Organizing Pickets

Los Angeles.—Unions in California may picket an employer even though none of his employees is a member of the union and even though the U.S. Supreme Court ruled to the contrary last May in a Washington state case.

That was the effect of a decision here by Superior Court Judge William B. McKesson as he dismissed a suit by two drug store proprietors against Local 770, Retail Clerks Intl. Assn. (AFL).

Counsel for the proprietors rested their case on the high court's recent decision to uphold a Washington court's ruling that such picketing for organizing purposes.

Local 770 Atty. Alexander H. Schullman admitted California's public policy was similar. But 10 years ago, he added, it was interpreted differently by the state supreme court in a ruling that authorized the type of picketing in question.

McKesson agreed with Schullman in what the attorney said was the first California test of the U.S. high court's decision. The judge dissolved a temporary restraining order that had limited the union to one picket. Schullman said the ruling would signal a sharp step-up in the local's drive to organize the stores.

Book Tells Jewish Labor History

(State Fed. Release)

"Jewish Labor in U.S.A.," an industrial, political and cultural history of Jewish labor—1882-1914, is just off the press. The author is a noted Jewish writer and journalist, Melech Epstein.

The book portrays the development of the American labor movement and the part played by the varied immigrant groups. Price per copy is \$5.50. Copies may be purchased through the Trade Union Sponsoring Committee, 22 W. 38th St., New York City.

Amendments to the federal wage and hour law make clear what special types of payments must be included when computing a worker's overtime pay for hours over 40 a week.

High Income Group Pays Fewer Taxes

The gentlemen who complain loudest, longest and most bitterly against the Fair Deal are the very ones who have both increased their incomes the most in the last 12 years and have seen their taxes increased the least.

So reports the staff of the Joint Congressional Economic Committee. The lowest fifth of the income group increased their earnings between 1936 and 1948 by \$301; the second fifth, by \$686; the third fifth, \$813; the fourth fifth, \$895; and the highest fifth, \$1,493.

At the same time, as shown in the chart, tax rates for \$3,000 per year married persons with no dependents jumped 3,233 per cent; those who earned \$10,000, 286 per cent; those who earned \$25,000, 135 per cent; those who earned \$100,000, 43 per cent; those who earned \$1 million, 14 per cent; and those who earned \$5 million, only 1.6 per cent. These are net incomes.

Guild Strike Holds

New York.—Members of AFL craft unions ignored an appeal from the strikebound New York World-Telegram & Sun management to return to work July 17. None of the craft workers crossed the expanded Newspaper Guild of New York (CIO) picketline which was manned by several hundred unionists. That strike, entering its sixth week July 18, has halted publication of the paper.

Ford Loyalty Oath

Detroit.—The general council of Ford Local 600, United Auto Workers (CIO) has ordered all of its 550 officers and representatives to sign a broad "loyalty" oath believed to be the most extensive ever called for in any union.

Oregon Drivers Win

Portland, Ore.—A strike victory of major significance was achieved here when Local 1055, Amalgamated Assn. of Street and Electric Railway Employees (AFL) won an 80-day walkout against Portland Stages, Inc.

Attend union meetings. Be sure you are registered.

81st Congress Also Is a "Do-Nothing"

(AFL Release)

Washington.—The fumbling, do-nothing 81st Congress has killed legislation to reduce excise taxes on many cost-of-living items and to establish a Fair Employment Practices Commission.

Outbreak of war in Korea was the reason given for killing the excise tax cut urged by the American Federation of Labor. Unfortunately, death of this legislation also blocks higher taxes on profiteering corporations well able to pay.

About the only thing workers can expect from this Congress is an expansion of the social security system. Both houses have passed measures and the bills are now in conference.

The Senate has refused to go along with the House for a meat-axe reduction of U.S. employees. The crippling of the federal service proposed by the House was protested by AFL President William Green as "false economy."

Congress plan to adjourn by Aug. 1 unless the Korean crisis forces a change.

AFL President William Green has blamed the failure of the 81st Congress on the "sordid and disgraceful political alliance" of Taft-Republicans and Byrd Dixie-crats. The next Congress he said, can be improved only by the defeat of House and Senate members of this alliance.

AFL Lobbying Facts Are Public

(State Fed. Release)

The facts about lobbying activities of the American Federation of Labor are on the public record, Labor's League for Political Education said this week through the "League Reporter," official news organ of the AFL political body.

The "League Reporter" made the comment in connection with charges that the House Committee on Lobbying Activities, headed by Rep. Frank Buchanan, should seek information on lobbying by labor unions and government departments.

"Anyone who wants to know how much the AFL spends for lobbying can go to the Clerk of the House and ask to see the AFL lobby report," the paper said.

"If anyone wants to know where LLPE gets its money and how it is spent, he can find out by reading LLPE financial reports, which also are filed with the House."

"Next, let's consider government bureaus. All their financial records are public. They're checked by the Comptroller General, who works for Congress. Their activities are just as open as the unions'."

"Finally, consider lobbying done by businessmen. It's common knowledge that businessmen are the principal backers of such groups as the Committee for Constitutional Government and the Constitutional Educational League. Yet these organizations put another lock on their financial records when some one asks them to tell all."

"What have they got to hide?"

Labor Gives Important Aid In Cold War

(State Fed. Release)

American labor has made an important contribution in the world fight against communism, Asst. Sec. of Labor Ralph Wright declared at the 26th biennial convention of the Intl. Brotherhood of Bookbinders (AFL), which opened in San Francisco last Monday at the Fairmont Hotel.

The cold war fought by the Communists might already have been lost to them had it not been for the "immense effort and the high prestige of the American labor movement fighting on the side of freedom," Wright declared.

"The labor movement in the United States backs President Truman in his courageous stand to support the victims of Communist attack in all parts of the world. This means support for all forms of assistance to the South Koreans in their defense against armed aggression by Communists, as well as support for the enemies of communism in the rest of the democratic world, where armed attack has not yet been attempted."

A somber note entered the convention proceedings when John B. Haggerty, international president, suffered a heart attack while addressing the Monday morning session. He was immediately placed under the care of physicians.

Greetings to delegates were extended by C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, and by Jack Goldberger, president of the San Francisco Labor Council.

Political Doctors To Fight Truman

Detroit.—Politically minded doctors of Detroit and Wayne county, organized as the Doctors Good Government Group, are soliciting funds from other doctors and dentists for use in the 1950 congressional and state elections. The group says:

"Support should be accorded those candidates who stand for elimination of the extravagance of the current administration and for a turn back from the trend toward socialism in this country."

Behind the doubletalk this means that candidates for Congress who oppose federal expenditures for social welfare, medical security and the like should be elected. By socialism the political doctors mean extension of federal social security to cover medical and hospital benefits to the people.

The letter to all doctors and dentists followed up by telephone calls telling them to register and get their families to register and vote—and vote right. The funds solicited are in addition to the \$25 assessment slapped on all members by the American Medical Assn., the medical trust, for the specific fight against adequate medical service to all through federal social asecurity.



MOVIE STAR VISITS FACTORY—Movie star Myrna Loy, who was U.S. delegate to the United Nations cultural conference in Florence, Italy, chats with workers in a Florentine factory.